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SUBJ: AAFLI SUPPORT OF ALEC

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1. AID FUNDED THE ASIAN LABOR EDUCATION CENTER (ALEC) FOR ABOUT 12 YEARS AT A GRADUALLY REDUCED FUNDING ARRANGEMENT THAT ENDED JUNE 30, 1973. IN FY 1973 THAT ASSISTANCE AMOUNTED TO DOLS 65,000. AAFLI DOES NOT, AND DID NOT, PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID TO ALEC.

2. WHEN AID ASSISTANCE WAS PHASED OUT, THE THOUGHT WAS THAT AAFLI, THE ILO, OR SOME OTHER GROUP MIGHT HELP FILL THE GAP. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN TALKS BETWEEN ALEC AND BOTH AAFLI AND THE ILO, AS WELL AS THE FREDREICH EBERT FOUNDATION, NOTHING EVER CAME OF THEM.

3. ACCORDING TO JACK MUTH, AAFLI DEPUTY FOR FIELD
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OPERATIONS, AAFLI HAS NO OBJECTION TO JAPANESE ASSISTANCE

TO ALEC, AND IN FACT WOULD WELCOME THE FRATERNAL PRESENCE
OF IMF-JC ON THE PHILIPPINE SCENE. IT WOULD SEEM USEFUL
FOR AAFLI AND IMF-JC TO HAVE SOME DIRECT CONVERSATIONS ON
THIS QUESTION. WE NOTE THAT MASANORI SASAKI, ASSISTANT

SECRETARY GENERAL OF IMF-JC WILL BE IN WASHINGTON LATER
THIS MONTH, AND HE MIGHT WISH TO RAISE THE SUBJECT AT THAT
TIME WITH AAFLI. RUSH

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